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German patent documents DE 101 27 820, DE 10 2004 011 176, and DE 10 2004 011 177 were cited in the specification of the subject application which serves as a statement of relevance for these non-English references.

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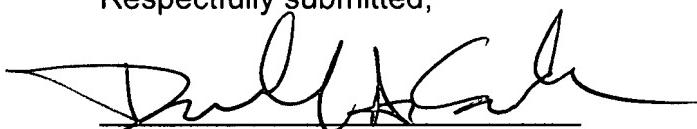
DE 101 27 820, which corresponds to US 2004/003579 (now US Patent No. 6,860,915) was cited in the application documents of all of the basic priority applications, which serve as statements of relevance of this non-English document.

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DE 10 2004 011 176: DE 199 51 312; US 2,936,043; DE 101 27 820; and US 3,641,745.  
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Copies of the above-noted foreign documents are enclosed herewith, along with Form PTO/SB/08A. It is requested that they be fully considered and made of record in this case.

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